THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the UGC has constituted a committee to prepare the feasibility reports for establishing Uniform Academic Calendar in the universities at National Level to enable the free movement of students from one State to another and not intra State. Accordingly, a circular has been issued in March, 2006 by the UGC to 340 Unviersities to get their feed back. Out of 79 universities who have responded so far, 49 universities are in favour of establishing the Uniform Academic Calendar at National Level.

Opening of ITIs in Private Sector

†22. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Planning Commission has given a suggestion to the Ministry of Human Resource Development that permission should; be granted to open I.T.Is, in private sector keeping in view the future technical requirement;

(b) if so, the decision taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) by when the permission to open I.T.Is in private sector will be granted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) According to the Ministry of Labour & Employment, setting up of new Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) by Government/Private agencies is the sole responsibility of State Government. Permission for opening of an Industrial Training centre (ITC) by private agency is granted by the respective State Government subject to fulfilling of norms and criterion perscribed by National Council of Vocational Training. At present there are 5114 ITIs/ITCs in the country out of which 3218 are private ITCs.

Promotion of Regional Language By NBT

†23. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to State:

(a) whether it is a fact that the role of N.B.T. in propagation and promotion of regional languages have been very dismal;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.